



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2023 GRADUATES

The June 3rd edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2023! In order to be included, please send your graduates picture, their full name, age and school. These grads are making history, and the Mountain Views News wants to give them something else to remember! Send to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com Subject: Class of 2023

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The public is invited to attend our annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2023, 11:00 am at Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery located at 535 East Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre Ca, 91024
Lt. Kenneth Bell Post 3208 will conduct the service which will include guest speakers, the Volley of Rifles and honoring the members who have passed away this year. The Public is invited.

City of Sierra Madre

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election was held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 for voter consideration of ballot Measure M asking:

“Shall City Council Ordinance No. 1461 approving a zoning map amendment, a specific plan, and a development agreement for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre be adopted?”

All votes have been tabulated and the results have been certified by the City Clerk for the City of Sierra Madre.

Number of precincts	7
Number of registered voters	8,459
Total ballots cast	4,137
Voter turnout	48.91%
Yes votes	2,252
No votes	1,882

Measure M has been approved by the majority votes. The majority accepts the City Council's decision to adopt City Ordinance 1461 approving a zoning map amendment, a specific plan, and a development agreement for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre

Please direct all and any inquires to the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@cityofsierramadre.com

Posted May 27, 2023

By:

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Elections Official
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PHILANTHROPIC CHECK DISTRIBUTION FROM THE SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB



In the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 the Sierra Madre Civic Club presented their grant checks to 13 organizations.

All of the selected organizations met the club's requirements. Certain groups are ongoing projects that the Civic Club supports, while others are a received a one time donation.

A total of \$ 15,500 was distributed and all requests enhance the quality of life in Sierra Madre. Requests ranged from funding "caterpillars" for second graders in SM Elementary School via the Creative Arts Group, helping to fund the Fletcher Fund for some of the repairs on the Mt Wilson Trail, partial funding of the electrical system for the new ventilation system at the SM Playhouse, funding replacement parts at the Convalescent Aid Society, the creation of the SM Wildlife Sanctuary City Coloring/Activity Booklet, rebuilding the SM Rose Float engine/cooling system, funding a month at the Helping Hands Community Food Bank, supporting the SM Library fund their Walk This Way activity and funding the kick off for the Summer Reading Program. Congratulations to the recipients.

Recipients pictured above from left to right are

- Judi Cimino, Civic Club Beautification Committee;
- Sue Spears, Fletcher Fund;
- Pat Alcorn, CERT;
- Leila Regan, SM Library,
- Luella Hood, Wildlife Sanctuary City Coloring/ Activity Booklet;
- David Gordon, SM Playhouse;
- Gwen Robertson, Creative Arts Group and SM Rose Float Assn;
- Jim Yang, Helping Hands Community Food Bank;
- Eileen Walker, SM Playhouse;
- Dawniese Williams, Convalescent Aid Society;
- Robert Spears, Post Office Landscape Project Group;
- Susan McCarthy and Reading is Fundamental, Pasadena Branch.

Not pictured is SM Elementary School PTA.

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the Summer Real Estate Market. This is a great time to sell your house!

We experienced Renewed Buyer Confidence in our Spring 2023 Real Estate Market fueled by low inventory, high demand for properties and stabilizing interest rates. The scarcity of properties for sale has created a very competitive environment where Buyers are willing to pay top dollar to secure their dream home.

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Team from left to right: Wendy, Georgina, Gloria, Brenda, Sandra, Vanessa, Johanna

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PARKING LOT

- *Rubber stamp collection, supplies and books
- *Bargain Books \$1, Small paperbacks 5/\$1
- *DVDs and CDs \$1, Audio Books \$2 each
- *Children's/Teens \$.50-\$5

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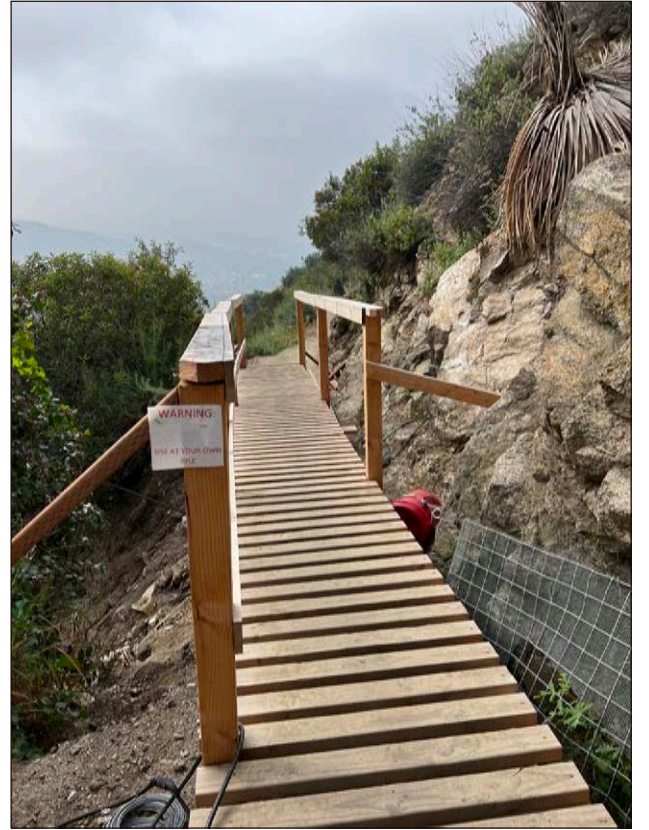
WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

By the time you're picking up your paper and taking a look at what's going on in our fabulous town, the annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race will be one for the history books and the incredibly speedy runners will be relaxing at Lucky Baldwin's with a beer and a burger, or Casa del Rey with a margarita and some chips and guacamole or maybe the Buccaneer or RT Rogers Brewing Company. Once again, it will be a fabulous race and the participants will be so glad they did it.

My trusty Trail photographer, Leah Davis, sent me today's picture of the new bridge the runners got to negotiate just before First Water. Leah said it felt sturdy and reliable and I'm sure it beat the heck out of the crumbling hillside it replaced. Our Trail volunteers under the direction of Bob Spears do an amazing job. Let me repeat that important part: Volunteers!

As you already know, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race is one of the oldest trail races in California. It takes you 8.6 miles from Kersting Court to Orchard Camp and back with an elevation gain of over 2160 feet on a winding course that is kept in optimum condition by the Trail volunteers. The original path, first used by the Gabrielino Indians, was dug out by Benjamin "Don Benito" Wilson in 1864 and every year about 300 intrepid runners do their best to get up there and back in two hours without falling down!



"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We don't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." Ronald Reagan

"It is imperative that the sacrifices made by the fallen not fade into the ether. We believe that a veteran, a person - anyone - has two deaths, once when their breath leaves their body, and the second time is when no one remembers them or says their name. That is why it is so important for communities to come out and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Rachel Charles, Acting Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

Monday is Memorial Day and I've got this amazing story to relate. I've done it before but it deserves repeating:

"Doris "Dorie" Miller was a black American sailor in the United States Navy. He manned anti-aircraft guns during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, for which he had no training, then tended to the wounded. Miller was a crewman aboard the West Virginia. Waking at 6 a.m. on that fateful day, he served breakfast mess and was collecting laundry at 7:57 a.m. when Lt. Commander Shigeharu Murata from the Japanese aircraft carrier, Akagi, launched the first of nine torpedoes that hit the West Virginia. The "Battle Stations" alarm went off; Miller headed for his battle station, an anti-aircraft battery magazine amidships, only to discover that a torpedo had destroyed it. He then raced to 'Times Square,' a central spot aboard the ship, reporting himself available for other duty. Miller was ordered to help Lt. Frederic H. White and Ensign Victor Delano load the unmanned number 1 and number 2 Browning .50 caliber anti-aircraft machine guns aft of the conning tower. Delano expected Miller to feed ammunition to one gun, but when his attention was diverted, he looked again and saw Miller firing one of the guns. White then loaded ammunition into both guns and assigned Miller the starboard gun.

Meanwhile, Captain Mervyn Bennion had a gaping wound in his abdomen where he had been hit by shrapnel. Miller and another sailor lifted the skipper but were unable to remove him from the bridge so they carried him from his exposed position on the damaged bridge to a sheltered spot behind the conning tower. Captain Bennion refused to leave his post, questioned his officers about the condition of the ship and issued orders. Miller fired the gun until he ran out of ammunition when he was ordered by Lt. Claude V. Ricketts to help carry the Captain up to the navigation bridge out of the thick oily smoke generated by the many fires on and around the ship. Captain Bennion was only semi-conscious at this point and died soon afterward. Japanese aircraft eventually dropped two armor-piercing bombs through the deck of the battleship and launched five 18-inch aircraft torpedoes into her port side. When the attack finally lessened, Miller helped move injured sailors through oil and water to the quarterdeck, thereby unquestionably saving the lives of a number of people who might otherwise have been lost.

The ship was heavily damaged by bombs, torpedoes, and resulting explosions and fires, but the crew prevented her from capsizing by counter-flooding a number of compartments. Instead, the West Virginia sank to the harbor bottom as her surviving crew abandoned ship, including Miller.

Miller was recognized by the Navy for his actions and awarded the Navy Cross. He was the first black American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the third highest honor awarded by the Navy at that time, after the Medal of Honor and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. Nearly two years after Pearl Harbor he was killed in action when his ship, Liscome Bay, was sunk by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Makin. On January 19, 2020, the Navy announced that CVN-81, a Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier scheduled to be laid down in 2023 and launched in 2028 would be named after him.

Sierra Madre is such a special place to be on Memorial Day. John and I went so many years to Pioneer Cemetery, where he rests now, to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies there.

"Home of the free, because of the brave."

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT May 14 - May 20, 2023

	Calls for Service	Formal Investigations
May 14 th to May 20 th	150	8
Total Year to Date for 2023	3,214	248

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Tuesday, May 16

Attempted Burglary Arrest

At approximately 5:30 pm, an officer observed a vehicle drive into the driveway of a residence in the 700 block of Auburn Ave, a residential burglary recently occurred in the area. The officer made contact with the subjects in the vehicle. Upon further investigation, the subjects in the vehicle were linked to an attempted residential burglary in the 600 block of Auburn Ave the week before. All three subjects were arrested and booked at the Pasadena City Jail for attempted burglary.

Friday, May 19

Traffic Accident

At approximately 2:30 pm, officers responded to the 200 block of W. Orange Grove Ave regarding a traffic collision. Upon arrival, officers discovered that two vehicles were involved in a traffic collision, and both drivers were medically treated at the scene for injuries. Both drivers declined to be transported to the hospital, and a report was taken.

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Tues	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2023 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in person at the meeting.

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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Thursday
Pineapple Patch Begins —Starts today, in-person at the Library

Saturday
Craft It —In-person at 11:00am

Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation—
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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.
Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.
Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.
Natural Resources Commission has one current vacancy and one anticipated vacancy for a total of two (2) vacancies.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Memorial Day Closures and Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday, in observance of Memorial Day. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

City Council will not meet on Monday. The next council meeting will be held on Monday, June 5.

The City of Pasadena will have trash collection on Monday. There will be no delay to trash, recycling and yard waste collection; however, bulky item pickups will not be available.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be closed on Monday and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) will also be closed. Residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Power Emergency Line at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call the Water Emergency Line at (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will be closed on Monday. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on Monday and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement will resume Tuesday.

The Permit Center will also be closed on Monday but will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Online permitting services are available 24/7 at CityOfPasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on. Regular service will resume Tuesday.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to the police department at (626) 744-4241.

All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be closed on Monday but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are being accepted for the holiday. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.



Playhouse To Receive Tony Award

The Tony Awards Administration Committee has announced that based on the recommendation by the American Theatre Critics Association, the Pasadena Playhouse, will be the recipient of the 2023 Regional Theatre Tony Award. The honor is accompanied by a grant of \$25,000, made possible by City National Bank's support.

"This is an extraordinary honor and a defining moment for our community," said Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman. "Anyone who has worked at or experienced theater at Pasadena Playhouse understands how unique and special a place it is. At its core, the Playhouse is made up of an exceptional community of artists, arts administrators, production professionals, volunteers, audiences, and supporters who are all connected and inspired by our founding ideal of being a theater of, by, and for our community. This most prestigious award honors every person who has played a role in making and continuing to make Pasadena Playhouse one of the great cultural institutions in America."

Founded in 1917 by young theater impresario Gilmore Brown, it started as a community theater and that spirit remains core to the Playhouse today. After great success in its early years, Brown brought together over 1,000 citizens to fund the purchase of the land at 39 S. El Molino Avenue to build the greatest state of the art theater in

the country at that time. It would be the first theater in America to be funded entirely by and for its community. In 1925 the current landmarked theater, now on the National Registry of Historic Places, opened its doors with national fanfare. Soon thereafter, Pasadena Playhouse became internationally known, with a campus that took up almost a full square block, five stages, a scene shop and a college. It now had the distinction of being one of the largest theater complexes in the world.

During its "golden era" between 1920-1945, Pasadena Playhouse was home to some of the greats of the American theater including Martha Graham, Agnes DeMille and Tennessee Williams. Its proximity and connection to Hollywood helped the theater to be dubbed the "Star Factory" with the number of celebrities who would be discovered on its stages. When the film industry was transitioning from silent film to "talkies," the Playhouse became the primary training ground for silent film stars to be taught voice and diction. While Brown's clairvoyance for talent led to the discovery of many notable actors, it also led to the development of playwrights, directors, and eventual entertainment industry giants who went on to establish the Los Angeles empire of film and television we know today.

Now, one of the oldest theater complexes in the country, the Pasadena Playhouse historic theater will celebrate its 100th

anniversary in 2025.

The American Theatre Wing's 76th Annual Tony Awards, will air live Sunday, June 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on CBS.

Pasadena to Declare Day of Gun Violence Awareness

Pasadena City Council is set to issue a proclamation declaring June 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Pasadena. This day honors and remembers victims and survivors of gun violence and supports efforts to prevent future gun violence.

The proclamation will be received by Day One, a community-based nonprofit organization. The proclamation reads that gun violence "touches every segment of our society and impacts people of all ages; it increases the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence; raises the likelihood of fatalities by those who intend to injure others, and among those who attempt suicide; it places children and young people at increased risk of physical harm and injury; and disproportionately affects communities of color." The proclamation concludes by urging all citizens, businesses and organizations to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

This event is held annually in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, just one week after performing at President Obama's second inauguration parade.

Pasadena police officers will wear orange ribbons on Friday, Orange ribbons will also be available at community centers while supplies last. Additional Wear Orange Weekend Events: DO #WearOrange Selfie Challenge, presented by Day One

Friday, June 2
Pasadena youth, families and community members are invited to share selfies on social media wearing orange in solidarity against gun violence. Orange You Ready for Gun Control?!

Friday, June 2 • 4-6 p.m. • 175 N. Euclid Ave.
Join Day One, friends and neighbors for a conversation and orange sherbet. Conversation will focus on gun control and how Pasadenans can work together to keep youth and communities safe.

For more information visit: CityOfPasadena.net.

Tournament Announces 2023 Grants Totaling over \$240,000



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation is proud to announce its 2023 grant awards, totaling more than \$240,000, to 24 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. These grants will support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors.

The Foundation's 2022 Golf Classic presented by J.P. Morgan Private Bank was a success, raising more than \$40,000. As a result, five more organizations received grant support.

In 1983, the Foundation was created to receive and manage contributions from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, its members, donors, friends of the Foundation, sponsors and public supporters. The Association and the Tournament of Roses Foundation are focused on positively impacting the Pasadena community with charitable giving, volunteerism and community involvement.

Since its inception, the Foundation has funded more than \$5.5 million in charitable contributions on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association, with a goal of investing in people through sustainable programs. This year, one \$35,000 grant and one \$15,000 grant were awarded, in addition to 22 other community initiatives that received grants of up to \$10,000.

\$35,000 grant – STEAM:CODERS inspires underrepresented and underserved students and their families by providing science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education, preparing them for academic and career opportunities. To reach a greater number of underserved students throughout the greater Pasadena

area, STEAM:CODERS will expand their STEAM classes, camps, and the MathPods program. These initiatives will be available year-round during the school day, after-school, weekends, school breaks and during summer camps.

\$15,000 grant – The Pasadena High School Alumni Association (PHSAA) aims to foster connections among Pasadena High School alumni, current students, faculty, staff and administrators. Their objectives include fundraising to support the school, offering scholarships, engaging in community service and promoting school spirit. With this grant, PHSAA will enhance an area in the Harriet Hammond Library and Media Center, making it more user-friendly for classes, study space, reading nooks, tutoring and other educational activities.

The categories for the Foundation grants are Visual and Performing Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education (Early Childhood Learning, STEAM/STEM, Literacy.) Broad categories allow the Foundation to contribute to our local communities' civic, cultural and educational advancement.

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade® presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game® and a variety of accompanying events. The Association's 935 volunteer members will drive the success of the 135th Rose Parade themed "Celebrating a World of Music," on Monday, January 1, 2024, followed by the 110th Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Bill Would Expand San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

Congresswoman Judy Chu introduced Thursday, the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act, a bill that would expand the borders of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to include the western Angeles National Forest and designate over 30,000 acres of protected wilderness and 45.5 miles of protected rivers in Southern California. In the Senate, Sen. Alex Padilla introduced Protecting Unique and Beautiful Landscapes by Investing in California (PUBLIC) Lands Act, a package that includes identical companion legislation to Rep. Chu's.

"The Los Angeles area is among the most park-poor regions of the country despite being blessed by gorgeous rivers, forests, and mountains of the San Gabriels right in our backyard. The San Gabriel Mountains provide a unique

opportunity—particularly for minority and low-income families—to access the physical, mental, and educational benefits of nearby public lands," said Rep. Chu. "President Obama's National Monument designation increased access to and opportunities for learning and exploring in the mountains. This

legislation would further protect the San Gabriel Mountains by preserving thousands of acres of land and water so more people now and in future generations can experience our area's unique gifts of nature."

The San Gabriel Mountains also contain rich cultural, historical, and geological resources, and provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered species including the California condor, Nelson's bighorn sheep, and the Santa Ana sucker according to Chu.

"It is incumbent upon us to be thoughtful stewards of these special places so that our communities can enjoy them and benefit from America's natural resources for generations to come," said Senator Padilla. "As we protect the environment, we must do so in a way that reverses racial and economic disparities in access to the outdoors, because our public lands belong to all Americans."

In 2014, President Barack Obama declared 346,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument. This legislation expands the monument by 109,167 acres.

For more information visit: chu.house.gov.

Pasadena to Raise Pride Flag at City Hall Thursday

The City of Pasadena is hosting a variety of events throughout June in celebration of Pride Month. This year's events reinforce the City's commitment to promoting equality and inclusivity for all.

Festivities kick off with the raising of the Pride flag at City Hall on June 1, a symbolic gesture of support for the LGBTQ+ community. Additional events during Pride Month include live music performances, book discussions, a movie showing, arts & crafts activities, and more.

"We are proud to celebrate Pride Month in Pasadena and recognize the contributions and accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community," said Mayor Victor M. Gordo. "Our city values and embraces diversity, and we hope these events create opportunities for people of all backgrounds to come together, learn and have fun." For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Memorial Day Service on May 29

Join us on Monday, May 29, at 9 AM, at the War Memorial in Lacy Park, as we pay tribute to the dedication and sacrifices the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces have made. The ceremony will include recognition of Veterans, special guest speakers, and patriotic music. The event is open to the public and free.

Memorial Day Closures

In observance of Memorial Day, all City facilities, excluding emergency services, will be closed on Monday, May 29. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

Free Admission to The Huntington for Veterans Memorial Day

Veterans and active duty service members are invited to visit The Huntington on Memorial Day (Monday, May 29) in celebration of their service. Complimentary admission extends to the veteran/service member and up to three guests. Tickets will be available at the admission ticket windows onsite. Rain or shine. Please bring proof of military service or veteran affiliation.

Mermaid Movie Sing-Along

Wednesday, May 31 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room

Children ages 3-11 are invited to go under the sea for an interactive showing of this popular 1989 Disney film jam-packed with audience participation. Start practicing "Part of Your World" and "Poor Unfortunate Souls" now because this is a sing-along! There will be thrills, chills, and splashes! Registration is recommended.

Noteworthy Puppets

Thursday, June 1 at 1 PM, Children's Area

What do you get when you combine sports, Sherlock Holmes, and...puppets? Noteworthy Puppet's "Sherlock Homerun: A Whodunit Puppet Musical," of course! To further the intrigue, children in the audience will get to "choose their own adventure" and decide "whodunit." Registration is not required.

NEW Walking Book Club

Friday, June 2 at 9:15 AM, Lacy Park

Let's walk and chat about the books you're reading! Led by the librarians from Crowell Public Library, patrons are invited to meet at the War Memorial to stroll the paths in Lacy Park every other Friday. This walking discussion will center around the latest books everyone is reading, all the while helping to get your steps in for the day. Registration is not required, but a signed liability waiver is required for participation.

Make and Take with Did

Saturday, June 3 at 9 AM, Lacy Park

Cost per kit: R: \$25 / NR: \$29

Create a Father's Day to remember at an outdoor woodworking class and make a handmade wooden toolbox that is ready for use! Children ages 5-17 are welcome to attend with their dad or any other figure who embodies the meaning of what it means to be a dad in someone's life. Registration is required.

Jr. TITAN Sports Camps

Cost per camp session: R: \$305 / NR: \$365

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Recent Happenings

On Saturday, May 20 the San Marino Fire Department attended the Carver Cub Scout Pack 361 campout in Lacy Park. The Fire Department conducted an inspection of the campfire and provided attendees with a fire safety demonstration prior to the pack's flag retirement ceremony.

The Fire Department will conduct annual brush inspections of properties in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone beginning June 19. For information on annual brush inspections and how to create a defensible space for your property, visit www.cityofsanmarino.org/brushclearance.

Important Resident Info: Business Licenses

All persons or companies conducting business within the City limits of San Marino are required to obtain a City business license. Businesses based outside of the City of San Marino who are conducting business in the City (eg, contractors, consultants, designers, landscape maintenance companies, mobile food vendors) must also file an application. Before you hire a business, check online to see if they have a San Marino Business License.

Athens Billing Increase

The City's existing contract with Athens services allows Athens to increase their waste hauling rates each year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase. These increases go into effect on July 1 of each year. As such, residents may notice a 3.5% increase in their billing amounts beginning on July 1st.

Should you have any questions or issues as it relates to your Athens bill, please call (888) 336-6100, or visit the Athens website.

Portantino's Gun Safety Bill Passes Senate Floor

Senate Bill 2, authored by Senator Anthony Portantino, passed the Senate Floor Thursday. The measure, sponsored by Governor Newsom and Attorney General Bonta, would implement significant improvements to California's existing conceal-carry weapon (CCW) laws. The Attorney General, Governor, and Senator partnered to create California's response to the recent Supreme Court ruling that made it easier for citizens to acquire these permits.

"We are faced with the continued threat of mass shootings and a gun violence epidemic. With bold leadership on the issue of gun safety and reform, we can save lives," stated Senator Portantino. "We need action, words are not enough. I am proud to be working with Governor Newsom, Attorney General Bonta and activists on SB 2 to strengthen our existing concealed carry laws and ensure every Californian is safe from gun violence."

"California is laser-focused on doing everything in our power to protect our kids and safeguard our communities against gun violence," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "With a gun death rate 37% lower than the national average, we know our policies are working - but we can't stop now. Passing Senate Bill 2 is essential to saving lives and making our neighborhoods safer."

"Addressing gun violence is critical to protecting public safety," said Attorney General Rob Bonta. "This week marks the one-year anniversary of the Uvalde school shooting; an anniversary that shouldn't have to be recognized because it should never have happened in the first place. Thoughts and prayers in response to gun violence will never be enough: We need brave action by our leaders - here in California and beyond. We owe our communities stronger protections. Senate Bill 2 will strengthen our concealed carry permit laws to help ensure that dangerous individuals may not carry guns in public - especially in sensitive places where our children gather - and prevent horrific tragedies that we have seen far too often. I thank the Senate for moving this bill forward and urge our state leaders to quickly adopt SB 2. We can't afford to wait even one minute more."



Specifically, SB 2 strengthens state law by:

Ensuring those carrying firearms in public are responsible, law-abiding citizens who do not pose a danger to themselves or others.

Protecting children and young adults from gun violence by setting a minimum age requirement of 21 years of age to obtain a CCW license.

Advancing safety through stronger storage and training requirements on the proper handling, loading, unloading, and storage of firearms; limiting all CCW licensees to carrying no more than two firearms at any given time in public.

Safeguarding the public by identifying certain sensitive public places where guns may not be carried. Including due process protections to allow anyone denied a CCW license based on a finding that they are not qualified to carry firearms in public to a hearing before a superior court judge.

"This bill is a crucial step in continuing to tackle gun violence in California," said Renia Webb, a volunteer with the California chapter of Moms Demand Action. "We are grateful for our gun sense champions and community partners who worked so hard to pass these comprehensive bills that seek to make our communities safer by strengthening our concealed carry laws that were weakened by a Supreme Court decision and target the root causes of gun violence. We look forward to continuing working with lawmakers to turn these bills into law and protect California families from the threat of gun violence."

Portantino has long been a champion of common-sense gun reform policies. During his time in the Assembly, he successfully banned the open carry of handguns and rifles in California and as Senator Portantino raised the firearm purchase age in California to twenty-one.

Playhouse 2023/2024 Season

Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announces the five mainstage productions for the 2023/2024 season, plus a new holiday tradition for Pasadena Playhouse, the recipient of the 2023 Regional Tony Award. The season includes the world premiere of a new play by Gloria Calderon Kellett, *One Of The Good Ones* and the Los Angeles premiere of Adam Rapp's *The Sound Inside*. The season will also include a fresh take on Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's timeless classic *Inherit the Wind* and a new production of the Tony Award winning musical *Jelly's Last Jam*, featuring a book by George C. Wolfe, music by Jelly Roll Morton, and lyrics by Susan Birkenhead with musical adaptation and additional music composed by Luther Henderson. Celebrated comedian Kate Berlant will also join the season with her acclaimed one woman tour *de force KATE*, direct from its smash New York engagement. There will also be an additional add-on offering from acclaimed theater maker, director and choreographer Sam Pinkleton, who will return to the Playhouse with the Pasadena Playhouse Holiday Variety Show. Creative teams and casting for all productions will be announced at a later date.

"Pasadena Playhouse continues to deliver a season full of bold theatrical adventures. At times suspenseful, hilarious, and always riveting, these extraordinary productions will give you a reason to leave the house and stay with you long after the curtain comes down" said Danny Feldman. He continues, "This season has it all: a masterfully written thriller, a classic courtroom drama for today, a one-woman show like you've never seen before, a world premiere comedy, and a wildly entertaining and powerful classic musical reborn. And a holiday show like no other you've seen. We can't wait for everyone to join us!"

Memberships are now available at pasadenaplayhouse.org, or by calling 626-356-7529.

The Sound Inside (September 6 - October 1, 2023)

By Adam Rapp

Not everything is as it seems behind the ivy-covered walls of Yale, where an unlikely bond leads to an unthinkable favor. Writing professor Bella Baird is looking for answers, but a fateful encounter with a mysterious student could lead to life-changing consequences for both of them. Nominated for six Tony Awards, including Best Play, Pulitzer Prize finalist Adam Rapp's haunting 90-minute thriller will leave you wondering who you can trust and remind you everyone has a story - the question is how it ends.

Inherit the Wind (November 1 - November 26, 2023)

By Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

Two of the nation's leading lawyers go head-to-head in the ultimate battle of wit, wisdom, and will in this powerful drama. With freedom of speech hanging in the balance, will this small-town courtroom bring us together or tear the nation apart? In a fresh production boldly reimagined for today, *Inherit the Wind* will make you rethink what you know and dare you to question just how much society has evolved.

KATE (January 17 - February 11, 2024)

Written and Performed by Kate Berlant

In her widely celebrated one-woman show, revered comedian Kate Berlant explores the events of her life that have brought her to this moment. Embodying many characters in this tour de force performance, she expertly morphs before our eyes and exposes a truth she has, until now, kept hidden. Originally directed by Bo Burnham.

One Of The Good Ones (March 13 - April 7, 2024)

By Gloria Calderon Kellett



The ultimate family showdown is on in the world premiere of this new comedy commissioned by Pasadena Playhouse. When the "perfect" Latina daughter brings her boyfriend home to meet the parents, her family's biases and preconceptions are put on full display. As tensions run high and hilarity ensues, everyone must navigate the ins and outs of family dynamics and the boundaries of acceptance - all while tackling the age-old question: what does it truly mean to be an American? Meet your new favorite family in this laugh-out-loud, heartfelt story from Gloria Calderon Kellett, the co-creator and showrunner of Netflix's *One Day at a Time*.

Jelly's Last Jam (May 28 - June 23, 2024)

Book by George C. Wolfe
Music by Jelly Roll Morton
Lyrics by Susan Birkenhead
Musical Adaptation and Additional Music Composed by Luther Henderson

When legendary musician Jelly Roll Morton's soul is forced to face the music, the self-proclaimed "inventor of jazz" is left at the ultimate crossroads. Follow Jelly from the back alleys of New Orleans to the sparkling stages of New York, as his remarkable journey unfolds in a stunning display of song, dance, and music. With soulful melodies, electrifying tap dancing, and fiery tunes that will leave you breathless, get your groove on with this dazzling musical masterpiece.

Pasadena Playhouse Holiday Variety Show (December 9 - 23, 2023)

Created by Sam Pinkleton

You better watch out, you better not cry, because something magical is coming to the Playhouse this holiday season. Sam Pinkleton, the creative mind behind 2021's production of *Head Over Heels*, returns to the Playhouse to sleigh audiences with a brand-new holiday show that's sure to leave you feeling merry and bright. So get ready to jingle all the way and join us for a holly jolly spectacular you'll never forget.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership is our form of Subscription. It is the best and most cost-effective way to celebrate the season at the Playhouse and includes tickets/access to *The Sound Inside*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Kate Berlant is KATE*, *Jelly's Last Jam*, *One Of The Good Ones*, and discount and advance access to Pasadena Playhouse Holiday Variety Show. With options starting at \$150 for the PlayhousePass, there are packages for everyone. Members receive advanced access to tickets, significant discounts on tickets, waived fees and unprecedented flexibility, allowing patrons to experience live theater on their terms.

Traditional Subscription/Classic Memberships: Receive tickets to all 5 mainstage productions with preassigned seats for the entire season. Packages start at \$350.

Dynamic Memberships: Prepaid access to all 5 mainstage productions, allowing you to pick your seats as you go (before tickets are available to the general public). Packages start at \$300.

PlayhousePass: \$150 annual membership fee unlocks access to \$65 tickets for the best available seats to any production you want to attend, with advanced access to tickets before they go on sale to the public. (available Summer 2023)

More information on all these packages, or Memberships, can be found at pasadenaplayhouse.org/membership.

Pasadena Humane Upcoming Events

Chip in "Fore" the Animals

Join Pasadena Humane on Monday, June 26 for our 24th annual golf tournament, dinner and auction at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. Enjoy 18 holes of unparalleled golf against the breathtaking backdrop of the San Gabriel Mountains. Not a golfer? You can still join in on the fun by attending the post-tournament cocktail party and dinner, featuring wonderful food, drinks, an exciting auction and more. For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.

2024 Calendar Photo Contest

Your pet could be featured in our 2024 Pasadena Humane Calendar. Enter your pet June 1 through July 31 in the Pasadena Humane 2024 Calendar Photo Contest for a chance to win amazing prizes - including the chance to have your pet featured on a full month spread of our 2024 calendar, a custom pet portrait, and more. For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.

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Friday, June 2, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Pasadena Senior Center.

Low-income adults 60 and older receive one free box of food and couples receive two. Each box includes foods that meet specific nutritional needs, such as cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk and related dairy products, cereals and other grain products, and more. Proof of income and California ID are required for first-time recipients. Boxes are heavy, so bring a pull-behind personal cart to the parking lot between the Pasadena Senior Center and the Metro Gold Line station. Opening boxes on the premises is prohibited. For more information, visit: pasadenaseniocenter.org and click on Resources, then Food Distribution Programs or call 626-685-6732.

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Over seven billion hot dogs will be eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the July 4th weekend alone (the biggest hot-dog holiday of the year), 155 million will be downed.

Every year, Americans eat an average of 60 hot dogs each. They are clearly one of the country's most loved, but most misunderstood, comfort foods. Like most great events in history, there are varying accounts of how it all began and who started it. The history of the Hot Dog is no different. You will find many references throughout history to the origins of a Hot Dog-like thing called a sausage. Here are some stories of how the Hot Dog was born.

The invention of the Hot Dog, is often attributed to the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition. However, similar sausages were made and consumed in Europe, particularly in Germany, as early as 1864, and the earliest example of a hot dog bun dates to New York City in the 1860s. German immigrants appear to have sold hot dogs, along with milk rolls and sauerkraut, from pushcarts in New York City's Bowery during the 1860s. The Hot Dog's association with baseball also predates the 1904 World's Fair. Chris von der Ahe, owner of the St Louis Browns, sold Hot Dogs at his ballpark in the 1880s.

Who's Served the First Hot Dog? Also in doubt is who first served the first Hot Dog. Wieners and frankfurters don't become Hot Dogs until someone puts them in a roll or a bun. There are several stories or legends as to how this first happened. Specific people were have been credited for for supposedly inventing the Hot Dog. Charles Feltman and Antonoine Feuchtwanger were among the few.

In 1867, Charles Feltman, a German butcher, opened up the first Coney Island hot dog stand in Brooklyn, New York and sold 3,684 dachshund sausages in a roll during his first year in business. He is also credited with the idea of the warm bun.

Although the exact origins of the Chicago Dog are not documented, Vienna Beef of Chicago claims the "Chicago-style" Hot Dog was invented by two European immigrants at the Chicago World's Fair and Columbian Exhibition in 1893.

- I know this may be very hard to swallow for some Dodger fans but the love of the hotdog and baseball did not start with the Dodgers.



Dining With Dills

ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY PARTNERS WITH CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SHOWCASE WILDLIFE

La Cañada Flintridge, CA - On June 3rd, 2023, doors at the Historic Boddy House at Descanso Gardens open on Living in a Wildlife Corridor, an immersive and interactive exhibit fusing art and nature presented by Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC). Featuring up-close breathtaking photography of local wildlife, striking life-size sculpture, and original paintings, prints, and drawings, visitors will be captivated by the beauty and brilliance of Los Angeles wildlife.

Displays in this impressive exhibition include artwork and traditional knowledge shared by Tongva Culture Bearers, the latest scientific and research expertise from conservationists, and insights into the specific challenges and opportunities around conservation in the greater Los Angeles area.

As visitors make their way through the exhibit, they'll learn about local initiatives to conserve land and help wildlife, and will walk away with concrete actions and steps they can take to protect and preserve the natural world surrounding us.



To present Living in a Wildlife Corridor, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is partnering with leading conservation and environmental organizations both regionally and nationally, including the National Park Service, the National Wildlife Federation, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Occidental College, the Theodore Payne Foundation, Kidspace Children's Museum, and the Pasadena Audubon Society.

"Los Angeles is one of the most biodiverse urban areas in the world, and its natural beauty is part of why so many people choose to live here," said John Howell, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's CEO. "We're honored to be working alongside Descanso Gardens and other important environmental organizations to give a new and different window into the world of wildlife - not only mammals but also bats, birds, bees, butterflies, and reptiles - and the plant life they depend on. It's our hope that visitors will gain greater insights into the natural world we live in and be inspired to join the wave of people taking action to protect it."

One of the exhibiting artists, painter and former Disney Imagineer Joe Rohde said, "It's an honor to have my artwork included in this remarkable exhibit. I've been involved with Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy for many years now, and I believe that local conservation is crucial to our ongoing efforts to protect wildlife and address climate change."

The exhibit explores how wildlife corridors — paths of movement that wildlife use to navigate through and among islands of native habitat — function in a dense urban environment like the greater Los Angeles area. That movement is an essential key to their survival; the exhibit remembers and explores the heartbreaking case of P-22, LA's so-called celebrity mountain lion who died last December, as an example of what happens when wildlife corridors are not available.

Through informational panels, interactive activities, a summer-long educational series, and multi-sensory installations, Living in a Wildlife Corridor encourages visitors to reflect on what it means to share space alongside an immense variety of wild neighbors: plants, animals, birds, and pollinators alike.

Living in a Wildlife Corridor runs from June 3rd through October 1st. Tickets can be purchased onsite at Descanso Gardens, or online at descansogardens.org (admission is required for all visitors, but is free to members of Descanso Gardens). You can learn more about AFC's work at arroyosfoothills.org.

DUARTE RECOGNIZES CARMEN WONG AS 2023 SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

On May 23, 2023, City Council recognized Duarte's 2023 Senior Center Volunteer of the Year, Carmen Wong, and proclaimed May 2023 as Older Americans Month (OAM).

Since 1991, the City of Duarte has honored a senior member who provides uncommon and exceptional volunteer service, devoting their time and effort to making the Duarte Senior Center a better place.

The Administration for Community Living themed this month's observance Aging Unbound, which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes. Carmen Wong certainly fits the theme by demonstrating her ability to go above and beyond for the community of Duarte. She is a deserving recipient of this recognition with her numerous hours of outstanding volunteer service at the Duarte Senior Center.

"Carmen Wong has been an active volunteer at the Duarte Senior Center for over 14 years," said Recreation Supervisor Susie Perez. "The knowledge that she has and the amount of energy she brings is unbelievable. I truly appreciate Carmen and everything she does for our community. She is a true inspiration and person that embodies being an Older American."

More than half of Wong's week is devoted to assisting with the Grab & Go Frozen Meal Program and Hot Meal Program. She is a regular volunteer at Duarte's special evening events, bi-annual Community Yard Sale, the City's Independence Day Celebration, Anniversary Picnic and Employee & Commissioner Awards Reception, among other things.

Wong dedicated around 520 hours of her personal time to serving the community this past year. To put that in perspective, her time averages to a staffing salary savings of just



over \$8,000 for the City.

Though Wong is mostly behind the scenes, her hard work does not go unnoticed. The Senior Center hosted a private event on April 28 to recognize all their volunteers. Wong was honored by her peers and fellow volunteers that evening and will also be recognized at the 2023 Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Ceremony on May 25.

"It's an honor to be volunteering at the Senior Center," Wong commented. "It has kept me going all these years, and I've enjoyed every moment."

The City of Duarte is immensely grateful for Carmen Wong and her selfless volunteerism for the Duarte Senior Center. Wong's time, commitment, and service for Duarte evidently reveals her compassionate heart and her positive impact to those around her.

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MAYFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD CELEBRATES COMMUNITY AT ANNUAL END-OF-THEYEAR LUNCHEON



(PASADENA, CA) – Former, current, and future Mayfield Junior School's Parent Association members gathered at the Valley Hunt Club for an annual luncheon. Parent Association president Mary Cole shared her reflections on a successful year, recognized Board committees and committee members, and introduced next year's president, Rebekah Wong. Rebekah then introduced the members of the 2023-24 Parent Association Board.

Director of Advancement Anna Longstaff shared her appreciation and gratitude for the countless hours of service by the parent board over Mayfield's 90-plus-year history. The luncheon is a treasured tradition for the MJS community, highlighted by the attendance of many past Parent Association Board presidents.

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Remembering on Memorial Day

Today I'm visiting The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It honors all the people who served in Vietnam. The wall lists the names of the people who died or were never found due to this war. There are more than 58,000 names on the wall.

Mini Quiz!

What is a **Memorial**?

A. a person who belongs to a group
B. something that is built or held to remember a person or an event
C. to learn something by heart
D. a short time

Memorial Day is a day for remembering – a day for thinking about all the people who have sacrificed so much for our country. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

MEMORIAL DAY IS:

- raising the _____ to full staff at noon
- the last Monday in _____
- remembering and sharing _____ of our dead
- a time to remember our country's _____
- a day of prayer for _____
- a day to decorate _____ with flowers
- gathering for _____ in the cemetery
- a time to honor all who have died fighting for our _____
- a day to think about Abraham Lincoln's _____, called the Gettysburg Address, which honored those who "...gave their lives that that nation might live."
- marching in a _____
- going on a family _____
- hearing a _____ play

Can you find and circle **millions** of words...just kidding, at least eight words that begin with the letter "m" as in the word **Memorial**?

Crossword:

1. peace
2. picnic
3. speech
4. country
5. flag
6. parade
7. veterans
8. graves
9. May
10. band
11. memories

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We like going to family picnics!

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]



COMMENTARY FROM MEMORIAL DAY 1998 - A Tale About Death

An excerpt from "Til Death Do Us Part?" a book by Christopher Nyerges, available on Kindle, or from www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.

It was Memorial Day 1998, and I had scheduled to conduct a wild food outing at Pasadena's Hahamongna Watershed Park. Since it was Memorial Day, my topic for a short discussion at the end of the outing was "death." Hahamongna Park -- formerly called Oak Grove Park -- is the site of one of the Gabrielino Indian villages along the Arroyo Seco

It was a cool and overcast day as participants for the wild food outing gathered in the parking area of the park. Among the half-dozen participants who showed up for the outing was Martin Kruse, a bearded, burly bear of a man who looked like he'd be more at home in the 19th century. He introduced himself and told me that he'd long wanted to meet me. Martin and I chatted as the other outing participants listened, and he told me about his work with archery and primitive bow-making.

We walked down in the flat area of the large expanse of the park, where the wet mud had hardened, capturing countless animal tracks. Martin told us how to differentiate between coyote and dog tracks. He'd obviously done a lot of tracking during his time hunting with a bow.

I later learned from Martin's father that this was a favorite place of Martin's when he was much younger. He'd come here and spend a week or two and study nature and tracks and practice with his bow.

After walking throughout the flat area, I led the way back to the oak trees where I would share my lesson. Within seconds, someone in the rear called out. Martin had fallen. I first thought it was a joke, and ran to him. It was no joke. His face already looked purple. The man who had been walking with him said he'd not tripped -- he just fell. I tried to rouse him, but it was quickly obvious that he was "out."

Several of us moved Martin into what we assumed would be a more comfortable position, and that wasn't easy! Martin was a big guy. And then -- since I was the only one who knew the area -- I ran to a phone to call 911. This was before the days of ubiquitous cell phones. Within 10 minutes, before I even got back to the group and Martin's flat body -- paramedics from the City of Pasadena were on the scene, attempting to revive him. They all worked like a highly-coordinated team, speaking among themselves only briefly and in terms we didn't understand. They were what we call a "well-oiled machine." They carried him into the ambulance and took him away.

I could tell that the remainder of the outing participants were in varying degrees of shock. It had all been like a dream, and now Martin was gone. We discussed the merits and pitfalls of the modern medical system, and whether there was more we could have done to help Martin. We discussed whether we thought Martin would revive or not.

So there we stood in the cool afternoon breeze, contemplating death in the most sobering manner possible. I explained to everyone my death lesson -- which hardly seemed appropriate now. I didn't talk everyone through the intended exercise -- I just explained a process that I'd done many times on Memorial Day.

Write a list of all those close people in your life. Then, close your eyes, and imagine getting a phone call telling you that they have just died. For most people, there are tears and a feeling of regret that they never told that person something. You write down all those things you wanted to say to that person. Then, since these folks are still alive, you then go and call them or write them or see them in person and tell them. This is a very profound exercise, and in many ways can be called "healing."

Each person commented how "coincidental" it was that the lecture topic that I'd chosen for the day, and listed on the schedule, was "Death." We kept reflecting on Martin. At that moment, none of us knew yet that Martin would not recover, that he had in fact died, and that he died in a place he loved. Nor had we known that Martin had a heart pacemaker, and an artery to his heart that was narrow. We were aware that he'd had surgery -- probably to the heart -- because we opened his shirt and saw the scar.

A German woman who'd been on the outing, Walti, told me that we should not feel sad. "It was quick," she told me later. "What better place to die." I could not help but agree with her. Martin's death was apparently sudden, and his last memory would have been looking at the willows and the rushing stream and the cloudy sky and the sand flats of the Hahamongna Watershed Park. In his final moments, he was surrounded with friends that he'd only met that day, trail compadres who shared a common love of the outdoors, all brought together at this time and this place to witness his passing.

Katnip News!

Awesome "PUMPKIN," A Great Cat!



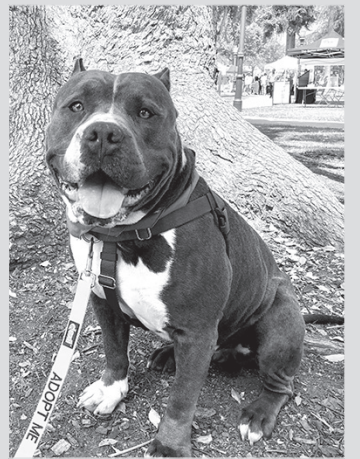
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Pet of the Week

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tals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.



SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS STORIES @THE PLAYHOUSE: BEST OF BACKSTORY ON JUNE 12

A new event for our storytelling series, Stories @ The Playhouse, is here! Sierra Madre Playhouse presents Best of BackStory, an evening of true stories, poetry, and flights of fancy featuring host Carl Weintraub and stories written and told by Augustus Britton, Rashim Cannad, Marlene Nichols, Laurie O'Brien, Antonio Sacre, and Sue Ann Pien.



BackStory, produced by the Victory Theatre Center in Burbank, is an evening of stories all told around a theatrical theme. The theme is always the title of a memorable play or movie. Writers can focus on the themes of the play or movie, the characters, or simply on the words in the title. For Best of BackStory, at Sierra Madre Playhouse, we are creating an evening of true stories that have been told at BackStory over the past seven years. Each story will be from a different episode of BackStory, so it will be an eclectic night for sure. CONSUMER ADVISORY: some stories may contain strong language and sexual content.

ESTIMATED RUNNING TIME: 60 minutes, no intermission.

Covid-19 information: The wearing of face masks is recommended. Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. Ample free parking is available in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street. There is also some street parking. General admission: \$20. Seniors (65+) \$18. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: http://sierramadreplayhouse.org DISCOUNTS: Teen tickets (age 13-19) are available at \$5.00 through the TeenTix Pass program. Go to our website to learn more. Group discounts are available for groups of ten or more. Go to our website to learn more.

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CAN I COLLECT SOCIAL SECURITY FROM MY EX-SPOUSE?

Dear Savvy Senior:

Is it possible to collect Social Security benefits from my ex-spouse? We were married for 12 years but have been divorced for almost 20 years now. Never Remarried

Dear Never:

Yes, depending on your specific circumstances, you may very well be eligible for divorced spouses Social Security benefits. Here's what you should know.

Who's Eligible?

A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the earnings record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife) if you are at least age 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried, and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on your own earnings record.

In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. But he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.

Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorce benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.

Benefit Amount

A divorced spouse can receive up to 50 percent of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age, which is 66 for people born in 1945-1954 but is gradually increased to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later. To find out your full retirement age

and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/agereduction.html.

Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits. You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.

To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at SSA.gov/myaccount. And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at 800-772-1213. You'll need to show your marriage certificate and divorce decree to prove your marriage lasted at least 10 years along with his Social Security number to get it.

Other Factors to Know

You also need to be aware that working can affect your divorced spouse's benefits. If you start taking benefits while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which is \$21,240 in 2023. In the year you reach full retirement age, however, the annual limit increases to \$56,520 and the reduction lowers to \$1 for every \$3 above that limit. See SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf for more details.

Another factor that can reduce your divorced spouse's benefits is receiving a pension from an employer that did not withhold

Social Security taxes (like a government). This is a rule know as Government Pension Offset (see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html) which can reduce your benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

Divorced Survivor's Benefits

You also need to know that when your ex-spouse dies (and if you were married for 10 or more years), you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.

Survivor benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But if you remarry before 60, you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when your ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

For more information visit SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html and click on "Benefits for Your Divorced Spouse."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

DIZZY IS AS DIZZY SAYS



Several years ago, I had a heart attack, which surprised my family and friends, who didn't know I had a heart. I was not sure I had a heart either until that day it attacked me.

What my heart had against me to attack me like that I still have not figured out.

Two years later, I have to go in for some tests, including a stress test. The date was set for my test, and I wasn't supposed to drive myself because of the procedure, so The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to my appointment in her Sissy Van. That alone was a stress test. Just riding in that Sissy Van prepared me for my stress test, and I don't believe the doctor could do anything more stressful.

I went to the cardiac place and prepared for the procedure that would last more than an hour. The first level of stress, which I considered the most severe level, I was not allowed to have any coffee for 12 hours before the test. I don't know about you, but I live on my morning coffee. "You do know," I said to my doctor, "that without my coffee, I will be a mess?"

"That's all right, I've dealt with many people like that, and I plan to strap you down, and I will have a needle in my hand that I'm sure will direct your attention from your caffeine."

I was then escorted into a room with a nurse who told me I needed to remove my shirt and T-shirt so she could prep me. I was nervous and told her, "That will cost you one dollar." "What are you talking about?" Looking at her seriously, I said, "I do not strip without getting paid." It was then that my real stress test began. Nurses don't have a sense of humor.

I very cautiously removed my shirt and T-shirt and sat in the chair, and she came over and put all kinds of tabs on my chest. According to her, these tabs will be hooked up to lines that go to The Machine that will begin the test of my heart.

Getting all those tabs stuck on my chest in the right place took her a while. "You don't plan to electrocute me, do you?" She looked at me with a sinister grin and said, "Time will tell." Now my stress went up another notch.

This was just the beginning. According to the schedule, I had at least another 45 minutes under some machine that would be doing another level of stress testing. I was escorted back to the room where this would occur and introduced to two young guys who would set me on this machine. "I'm going to give you a shot of some medicine, and you might feel a little dizzy or lightheaded. Don't worry. It's part of the process."

That sure was easy for him to say he didn't have to go through all this nonsense. "Just relax. You might hear noises, see things, lights, and so forth, but you're okay; everything is under control." I love it when a plan comes together, but this wasn't part of it.

I was put on the table, and then all of these cords were attached to the tabs on my chest. I was getting ready to go through that tunnel that was just behind me. "You're going to be all right, and we have everything under control. Just relax, and maybe you even want to take a nap." Right. I want to nap when somebody has hooked me up to cords I'm not sure what will happen. It's not that I don't trust doctors; I just don't trust doctors.

For the next 45 minutes, I was going through this machine, and I heard noises, saw flashes of light, and heard someone on the outside say, "Just breathe normally, and you might even just want to take a nap."

Then the stress test was over, and I could put on my shirt and T-shirt. They said everything went through just fine, and the doctor would get to me sometime next week with the results. I was then ushered to the outside, where The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was waiting to take me home, which was the last level of my stress test. As I walked out, a lot of people in the lobby area were waiting for their doctor's appointments. As I walked out, everybody looked at me, which brought me to another level of stress.

Feeling slightly dizzy, I looked back at them, then pointed both hands to my face and said, "I've just had a facelift. How does it look?"

For some reason, all the air was sucked out of the lobby, and even a couple laughed. Someone looked at my wife and said, "Is that your husband?" She smiled and ushered me out of the room to the waiting Van.

Stress can be very stressful; at least, that's my experience.

I couldn't help but think of a verse of Scripture. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

I can try to handle everything on my own, or I can cast all my care upon the Lord. The choice is mine.

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FAMILY MATTERS



PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN'S INHERITANCE WITH A LIFETIME ASSET PROTECTION TRUST

As a parent, you're likely hoping to leave your children an inheritance. In fact, doing so may be one of the primary factors motivating your life's work. But without taking the proper precautions, the wealth you pass on is at serious risk of being accidentally lost or squandered due to common life events, such as divorce, serious debt, devastating illness, and unfortunate accidents.

Creating a will or a revocable living trust offers some protection for your kid's inheritance, but often, you'll be guided to distribute assets through your will or trust to your children at specific ages and stages, such as one-third at age 25, half the balance at 30, and the rest at 35.

If you've created an estate plan, check to see if this is how your will or trust leaves assets to your children. If so, you may not have been told about another option that can give your children access, control, and airtight asset protection for whatever assets they inherit from you.

I always talk to parents about the option of creating a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust for their children's inheritance. These unique trusts safeguard your kids' inheritance from being lost to common life events, such as divorce, serious illness, lawsuits, or even bankruptcy. But that's not all they do.

Indeed, the best part of these trusts is that they offer your kids the best of both worlds: 1) airtight asset protection and 2) the ability to use and control their inheritance. You can even provide your heirs with a unique educational opportunity in which they gain valuable experience managing and growing their inheritance. More on all of this below.

Not Only for The Super Rich

Contrary to what you might think, Lifetime Asset Protection Trusts are not just for those with massive wealth. In fact, these trusts are even more useful if you're leaving a relatively modest inheritance because they can be used to educate your children about how to grow your family wealth, instead of quickly blowing through it.

Not to mention, the smaller the inheritance, the more at risk it is of getting wiped out by a single unfortunate event like a medical emergency, lawsuit, or serious

accident.

Don't Take Any Chances

Regardless of how much financial wealth you have (or don't have), if you plan to leave your kids anything at all, you should do everything you can to make it more likely that they grow what's left behind, instead of losing it. This way, your resources can have a truly beneficial effect on their lives—and even the lives of future generations. A Lifetime Asset Protection Trust can achieve each of those goals and so much more.

Not All Trusts Are Created Equal

When it comes to leaving an inheritance, most lawyers will advise you to place the money in a revocable living trust, which is the right thing to do. However, many of those lawyers would have you distribute the trust assets outright to your loved ones at specific ages, such as one-third at 25, half of the balance at 35, and the rest at 40. Check your own trust now to see if it does this or something similar.

Rather than risking their inheritance by leaving it outright to your children at certain ages or following certain life events, such as graduating college, you can gift your assets to your children at the time of your death using a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust. When you gift the inheritance to your kids via a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust, the Trustee of the trust owns the assets, not your children.

Therefore, if your kids ever get divorced, file bankruptcy, have a major medical issue, or are ordered to pay damages in a lawsuit, they can't lose their inheritance because they never owned it in the first place.

Here's how it works: A Trustee of your choice holds the trust assets upon your death for the benefit of your child or children. Because a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust is discretionary, the Trustee has the power to distribute the assets at their own discretion, instead of being required to release them in a rigid structure. This discretionary power enables the Trustee to control when and how your kids can access their inheritance, so they're not only protected from outside threats like ex-spouses and creditors, but from their own poor judgment as well.

A Lifetime of Guidance & Support Given that distributions from a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust are 100% up to the Trustee, you may be concerned about the Trustee's ability to know when to make distributions to your child

and when to withhold them. To address this issue, you can write up guidelines to the Trustee, providing the Trustee with direction about how you'd like the trust assets to be used for your beneficiaries.

For example, many of our clients add guidelines describing how they'd choose to make distributions in different scenarios. These scenarios might involve higher education, the purchase of a home, a wedding, the start of a business, and/or travel.

An Educational Opportunity

Beyond these benefits, a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust can also be set up to give your child hands-on experience managing financial matters, like investing, running a business, and charitable giving. And he or she will learn how to do these things with support from the Trustee you've chosen to guide them.

This is accomplished by adding provisions to the trust that allow your child to become a Co-Trustee at a predetermined age. Serving alongside the original Trustee, your child will have the opportunity to invest and manage the trust assets under the supervision and tutelage of a trusted mentor.

You can even allow your child to become Sole Trustee later in life, once he or she has gained enough experience and is ready to take full control. As Sole Trustee, your child would be able to resign and replace themselves with an independent trustee, if necessary, for continued asset protection.

A Lifetime Asset Protection Trust gives you the opportunity to turn your child's inheritance into a valuable teaching tool. Do you want to give your child the ability to leave trust assets to a surviving spouse or a charity upon their death? Or would you prefer that the assets are only distributed to his or her biological or adopted children? You might even want your child to create their own Lifetime Asset Protection Trust for their heirs.

Lifetime Asset Protection Trusts offer you a wide variety of options that can be tailored to fit your values and family dynamics. Be sure to check your trust for these provisions if this is something that interests you.

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TOM PURCELL



A DAY TO HONOR OUR WAR DEAD

Every year, polls show that a large number of Americans don't know why we celebrate Memorial Day.

According to People, a 2020 One-poll survey found that fewer than half of the 2,000 people surveyed knew that the purpose of Memorial Day was not to honor those who served in the armed forces, but to honor those who gave their lives while they served.

Few Americans are aware that the original reason for Memorial Day dates back to the Civil War.

Originally called Decoration Day, its purpose was to remember the nearly 500,000 soldiers who died during that incredibly bloody conflict.

That large number becomes especially sobering when you realize that the Civil War claimed roughly half of the 1.1 million service members who gave their lives in all of our conflicts, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense.

Consider the cost of our other wars:

The American Revolution was a hard-fought battle, but our successful fight for freedom claimed fewer than 1% of the lives of service members than the Civil War claimed — about 6,800 lives.

World War I — the “war to end all wars” — took 120,000 American service members. Regrettably, a lot more war was yet to come.

World War II — what many veterans of the great global conflict called “the Big One” — claimed approximately 405,000 U.S. service members, mostly young people whose lives were just beginning to blossom.

The Korean War, in which my father served, claimed 34,000 U.S. service members — and it's still not officially over.

The Vietnam War claimed 48,000 U.S. service members — again mostly claiming young lives. The pain and loss of that terrible war lingers for millions of families still.

The long wars in Afghanistan and Iraq cost the lives of nearly 7,000 service members.

It's a number that would have been higher if not for considerable gains in medical technology that resulted in fewer battlefield deaths.

However, more than 52,000 U.S. service members were wounded in these conflicts and many are still suffering from both physical and mental disabilities — and higher than normal suicide rates.

We must never forget those who gave their lives serving the rest of us. But too many of us are forgetting to do just that.

PBS News Hour offers a partial explanation as to why.

During the Civil War, almost every American family suffered loss. The 500,000 Union and Confederate deaths accounted for about 2% to 2.5% of the total population.

During World War II, according to Census Bureau and Department of Defense data, about 12 percent of the total U.S. population were members of the armed forces — and everyone else at home was making sacrifices to support the war effort.

Today, however, fewer than 1% of our population serves or has served, which makes it easier for most of us to remain aloof from military actions.

But we should be aware. War really is hell and it should be the absolute last resort for our nation to take.

We must hold our political leaders to account and stop them from so willingly getting us into new conflicts that will result in more service members giving the ultimate sacrifice.

So before we focus on our Memorial Day weekend parades and picnics, we must remember to honor those who have given their lives for our country.

And we must never forget the true meaning of Memorial Day.



STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON EXPECTATIONS



Do many people know about the word disarmament or “mutual disarmament”? This means that everyone together throws down their guns. The noble war defending the Ukrainians from the takeover by the tyrannical Russians is described as a great historical necessity and worthy of the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of the lives of Russian and Ukrainian young men. I wrote in January of 2020 that the desire of the Russian tyrant to invade the Ukraine was a sign of his weakness at home and that he was trying to forestall the coming inevitable end to his regime.

Not many agreed with me. Instead all the news programs and social media preached the need to protect democracy and “the will of the people”. Please understand that I am a trained lawyer with a great interest in history and politics. My father and previous generations were born in the Ukraine which for most of its history was a part, a vital part, of the Russian Empire. Of course it is silly for me to consider myself a Russian or a Ukrainian. As my mother explained to me while I was in Elementary School and required to fill out a question on a form requesting “Nationality” she instructed me to write down Jewish—not only as a religion—but as a Nationality—because for a Jew what is meaningful is not the land you are standing on but rather the person that you are inside. Really that is about all I know about being Jewish, that and a remembered sentence that “compassion is the rudder that steers Judaism!”

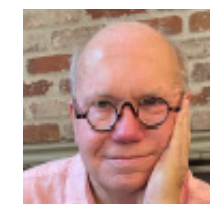
Does that mean I am more Jewish than I am American? For me that is a meaningless question because being Jewish includes being American and vice versa. They both mean caring about humanity and rationality and conciliation and getting along together. As far as I am concerned Christianity means the same thing—not competition but treating others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Today we are told that we have to defeat the enemy. One winner and the rest losers. Sorry folks, today the potential to destroy is within the capability of many “competing” losers.

Global warming and the climate crisis present a frightening future that threatens every life. The world, and all of its major powers must lead the way to a safe, rational, humanitarian solution. Whether the process requires only democracies to work together is nonsense. It is the “will of the people” expressed or unexpressed to preserve ourselves and our planet. To me the very first thing is to eliminate guns and war. Why are guns needed? Sadly in the United States I often hear people say they need guns “to protect themselves”. They are so frightened that they cannot allow their young children to walk home from school unaccompanied. We are surrounded by news of mass shootings and deranged person killing schoolchildren and teachers. There is less talk about guns being used in domestic conflicts or in self-inflicted destruction and that is also increasingly common. It is all symptomatic of something having gone very wrong and of people's expectations not being met.

It seems to me that is the heart of the problem. What do people expect their lives to be? Everyone cannot be a movie star or a celebrity or a star athlete; nor can we be forever young and live our lives without conflict. Often, inevitably we fall out of love or feel betrayed or act in ways that we are ashamed. We fear our own inadequacy more than we fear other people.

I feel the same problems exist globally. Putin fears his own weakness and in a completely ill-advised action decided to invade the Ukraine. Contrary to expectations one does not get stronger by attacking others. Health comes from within—both for individual people — and for nations. First no more wars which inevitably requires no more guns. I would love to live long enough to be a part of that disarmament. I do not expect to live that long—perhaps none of us will. But, I believe, it is a strengthening expectation we can share together.

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH DECORATION DAY ERR MEMORIAL DAY



Are you all ready to celebrate Decoration Day? Oh, wait a minute... you might know this holiday by its newer name... Memorial Day.

“Decoration Day” originated following the Civil War (1861-1865). It was named “Decoration Day”, because people would visit cemeteries and decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers with flowers.

After World War One, the holiday grew to celebrate fallen soldiers from every war. By the 1960s “Decoration Day” gave way to “Memorial Day”. In 1968 it became an official holiday (meant we get the day off). The holiday was changed from May 30th to always being on a Monday. Why? Three Day Weekends! Short vacations, picnics, parades, spend money.

Memorial Day also became the unofficial start of the summer season.

A small young boy was staring at a plaque on a church wall with a bunch of names on it. The boy asked a Pastor walking by who all these names were. The Pastor nodded and said, “They are the reason we have Memorial Day. They are those men who died in the service.”

The little boy then asked quietly, “The 9 o'clock service or the 11 o'clock?”

I'll set aside continuing down a humorous road any further this week and reflect on the contributions made by women and men who made the greatest sacrifice to protect and safeguard our right to live free.

“Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.” Mark Twain

“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

“Home of the free, because of the brave.” Unknown

“May we never forget freedom isn't free.” Unknown

“If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for.” Unknown

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.” Elmer Davis

“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.” G. K. Chesterson

“American without her soldiers would be like God without His angels.” Claudia Pemberton

“Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory there would be no civilization, no future.” Elie Wisel

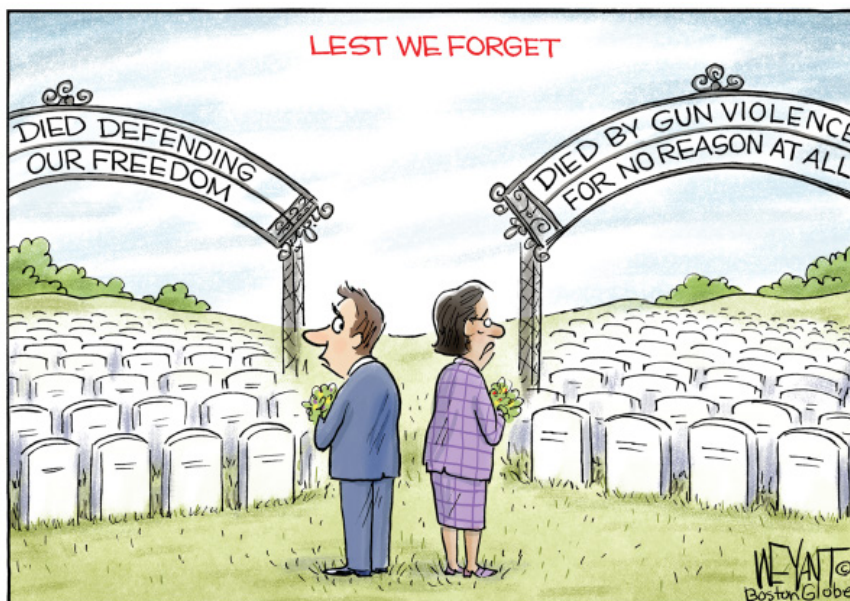
“There is nothing nobler than risking your life for your country.” Nick Lampson

And then there was a man, who probably was my first national hero. Not a perfect man. But like all of us, was flawed, and yet rose to meet the challenges of his obligations, which were substantial. And indeed, like those we celebrate each Memorial Day, he paid the ultimate price for his public service. He said, “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” His name? John Kennedy!

I hope your Memorial Day is memorable! Love your family, your friends, your country and exercise the following Biblical encouragements known as the fruit of the Spirit.

“Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

Self control? Yikes!



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